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SUBJECT: FY-1974 AMERICAN STUDENT PROGRAM

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1. A-28 COPY PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO JANUARY 28 OM
RECEIVED MAY 9. ORIGINAL AIRGRAM DATED FEBRUARY 13
NEVER RECEIVED IN DEPARTMENT.

2. ALTHOUGH DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH POST'S REASONING,
JAMES QUIRIN ONLY APPLICANT FOR STUDY IN ETHIOPIA AND AT
THIS LATE DATE UNABLE TO RECRUIT NEW CANDIDATE FOR FY-74
PROGRAM. IF PRESENT SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA RENDERS
PRESENCE OF AMERICAN STUDENT UNFEASIBLE, WE PROPOSE
DEFERRING PROGRAM UNTIL SUCH TIME AS SITUATION STABILIZES.
ADVISE.

3. IN COMPUTING PROPOSED ALLOWANCES AFRICA-WIDE,
DEPARTMENT WORKED CLOSELY WITH DHEW. DEPARTMENT'S PRO-
POSED ALLOWANCE FOR ADDIS' STUDENT CANDIDATE IS EXACT
ALLOWANCE DHEW PAYS SINGLE DOCTORAL RESEARCH CANDIDATES
IN ADDIS. CONVERSATIONS WITH DHEW HAVE DISCLOSED THAT
THEY NOT PLANNING FUND DOCTORAL RESEARCH CANDIDATE IN
ETHIOPIA DURING 1974-75 ACADEMIC YEAR. DONHAM WAS
DESIGNATED DHEW ALTERNATE CANDIDATE; HOWEVER, WAS TAKEN
OFF LIST BECAUSE HE NEVER RESPONDED.

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4. IF EMBASSY BELIEVES PROJECT MAY PROCEED, DEPARTMENT
WILLING TO READJUST ALLOWANCE TO ALLOW FOR RISING COST
OF LIVING; HOWEVER, FEEL MAINTENANCE STIPEND OF DOLS 600/
MONTH TOO GENEROUS. CANDIDATE HAS ALREADY BEEN INFORMED
NO DEPENDENT'S ALLOWANCE WILL BE GIVEN. WE WOULD WELCOME
POST PROPOSAL FOR COMPROMISE FIGURE. RUSH

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